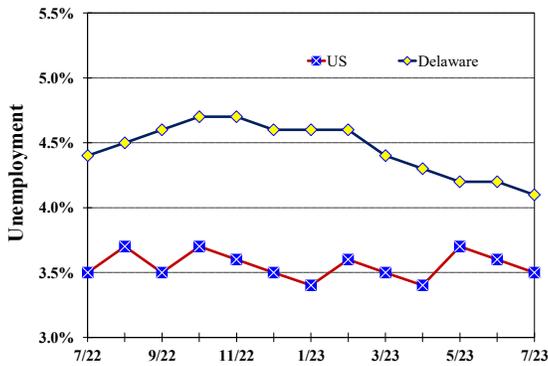


### Unemployment Rate

*Delaware and US*  
**July 2022 - July 2023**



### Monthly Commentary

Delaware's July unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent, its lowest level since February 2020 when the unemployment rate was 3.7 percent. Over-the-year private sector wages outpaced CPI in July. The US city average consumer price index (CPI) increased by 3.2 percentage points compared with July 2022 while total private-sector hourly wages grew by 4.0 percentage points over the year. Total non-farm jobs were 11,800 jobs higher than a year ago as growth in the *Leisure and Hospitality* industry led the increase with 5,000 jobs. Over the month non-farm jobs fell by 2,700, a second consecutive monthly decline, led by the *Financial Activities* industry, which fell by 1,100 jobs.

### Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022
Civilian Labor Force	503,100	501,200	496,500
Employed	482,500	480,400	474,700
Unemployed	20,600	20,800	21,800
Unemployment Rate %	4.1	4.2	4.4
US Unemployment Rate %	3.5	3.6	3.5

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022
<b>New Castle County</b>	4.3	4.5	4.6
Wilmington	6.6	7.4	6.4
Newark	5.8	4.5	5.9
<b>Kent County</b>	5.1	5.3	5.7
Dover	6.7	6.7	7.4
<b>Sussex County</b>	3.5	3.7	3.9

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$1,003.45	\$978.04	\$970.49
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	32.9	32.3	33.1
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$30.50	\$30.28	\$29.32

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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# Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July 2023 was 4.1%, down from 4.2% in June 2023. There were 20,600 unemployed Delawareans in July 2023 compared to 21,800 in July 2022. The US unemployment rate was 3.5% in July 2023, down from 3.6% in June 2023. In July 2022, the US unemployment rate was 3.5%, while Delaware's rate was 4.4%.

In July 2023, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 483,300, down from 486,000 in June 2023. Since July 2022, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 11,800, a rise of 2.5%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased by 2.1%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	July 2023	June 2023	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	483.3	486.0	-2.7	11.8
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.4	-0.1	0.9
MANUFACTURING	27.3	27.2	0.1	1.3
Durable Goods	10.1	10.0	0.1	0.7
Nondurable Goods	17.2	17.2	0.0	0.6
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	91.9	91.6	0.3	1.2
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.2	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	51.1	50.9	0.2	0.7
Transp. & Utilities	28.5	28.5	0.0	0.5
INFORMATION	3.6	3.6	0.0	-0.3
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.9	51.0	-1.1	1.0
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.6	66.3	-0.7	-0.8
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	81.2	80.9	0.3	2.8
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	52.5	52.9	-0.4	5.0
OTHER SERVICES	17.8	18.1	-0.3	-0.7
GOVERNMENT	69.2	70.0	-0.8	1.4
Federal Government	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.3
State Government	32.5	32.4	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	30.4	31.3	-0.9	1.2

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.  
Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.  
Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

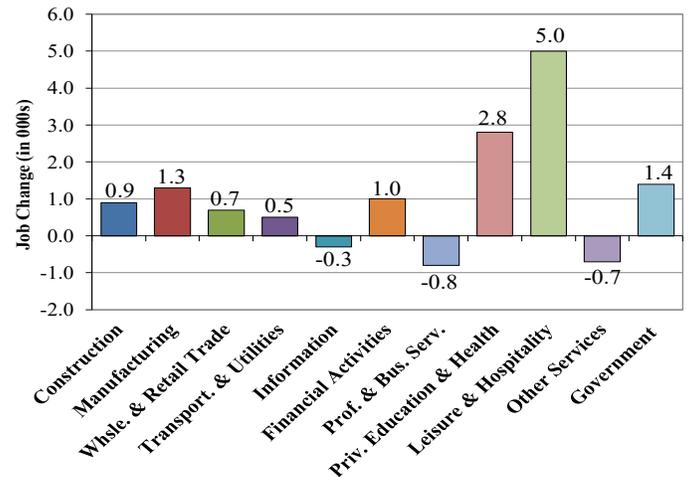
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## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

July 2022 – July 2023



## Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to July 2023 from:		
	July 2022	May 2023	June 2023
US City Average	3.2	0.5	0.2
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

\* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2002–2022

